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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 5 with the following amended claim:

5. (As Amended) The telephone apparatus of claim 1,

wherein the caller's information stored in said memory contains at

3 least telephone number.

Please replace claim 8 with the following amended claim:

8. (As Amended) The telephone apparatus of claim 6,

wherein said controller stores the sub unit information stored in said response information memory and the caller's information in said sub unit

4 specifying caller's information memory, on the basis of the sub unit specifying

5 instruction signal from the answering sub unit.

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Please add the following new claims:

9. (Newly Added) The telephone apparatus of claim 3,

wherein the caller's information stored in said memory contains at

3 least telephone number.

10. (Newly Added) The telephone apparatus of claim 4,

wherein the caller's information stored in said memory contains at least telephone number.

11. (Newly Added) The telephone apparatus of claim 7,

wherein said controller stores the sub unit information stored in said

- 3 response information memory and the caller's information in said sub unit
- 4 specifying caller's information memory, on the basis of the sub unit specifying
- 5 instruction signal from the answering sub unit.

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CLAIMS:

5. (As Amended) The telephone apparatus of claim 1, [3 or 4,]

wherein the caller's information stored in said memory contains at least telephone number.

8. (As Amended) The telephone apparatus of claim 6 [or 7],

wherein said controller stores the sub unit information stored in said response information memory and the caller's information in said sub unit specifying caller's information memory, on the basis of the sub unit specifying instruction signal from the answering sub unit.

Claims 9, 10, and 11 have been added.